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Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations
Department of State
2201 C Street
Washington, D.C. 20520

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration and to ask that the request made therein be complied with if possible.

[redacted]

PLEASE RESPOND TO P. O. BOX 35023
Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate
Avenue, San Francisco, California
94102

Very truly yours

PHILLIP BURTON

6th District

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Re: Murder of Emmett A Griffith & other members of People's Temple Church in Guyana.

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November 28, 1977

Congressman Phillip Burton
450 Golder Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA

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Dear Sir:

We would like your assistance in a matter that has become a grave concern to me and my family. [redacted] Emmett A. Griffith, his family and a large group of friends were members of the People Temple Church in San Francisco. Their leader, or pastor as he is called is Jim Jones. He was active in our community and encouraged his followers to go with him to Guyana. They were induced into giving up their home to the Peoples Temple Church, other valuables and their life savings to establish in the new area. Jones said that he would set up an Communal State (Co[illegible]) where they would find a new life and all would share in the profits of their labors.

This was in 1977. Only news has been coming back that all is not well. It seem reports of illness, forced labor and money, as the result of their labor being taken over by Jones and a small corps with no accounting made to the group as a whole. Letters from [redacted] that we have received are vague and not written in the usual style. Misspelling of simple words and sentences that are incoherent lead us to believe that something is wrong. I have talked with people who have visited in Guyana but I hesitate to make specific judgement or charges on hearsay evidence.

These people are all United States citizens and [illegible] to be assured to go so.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Will you please [illegible] days.

Sincerely yours,

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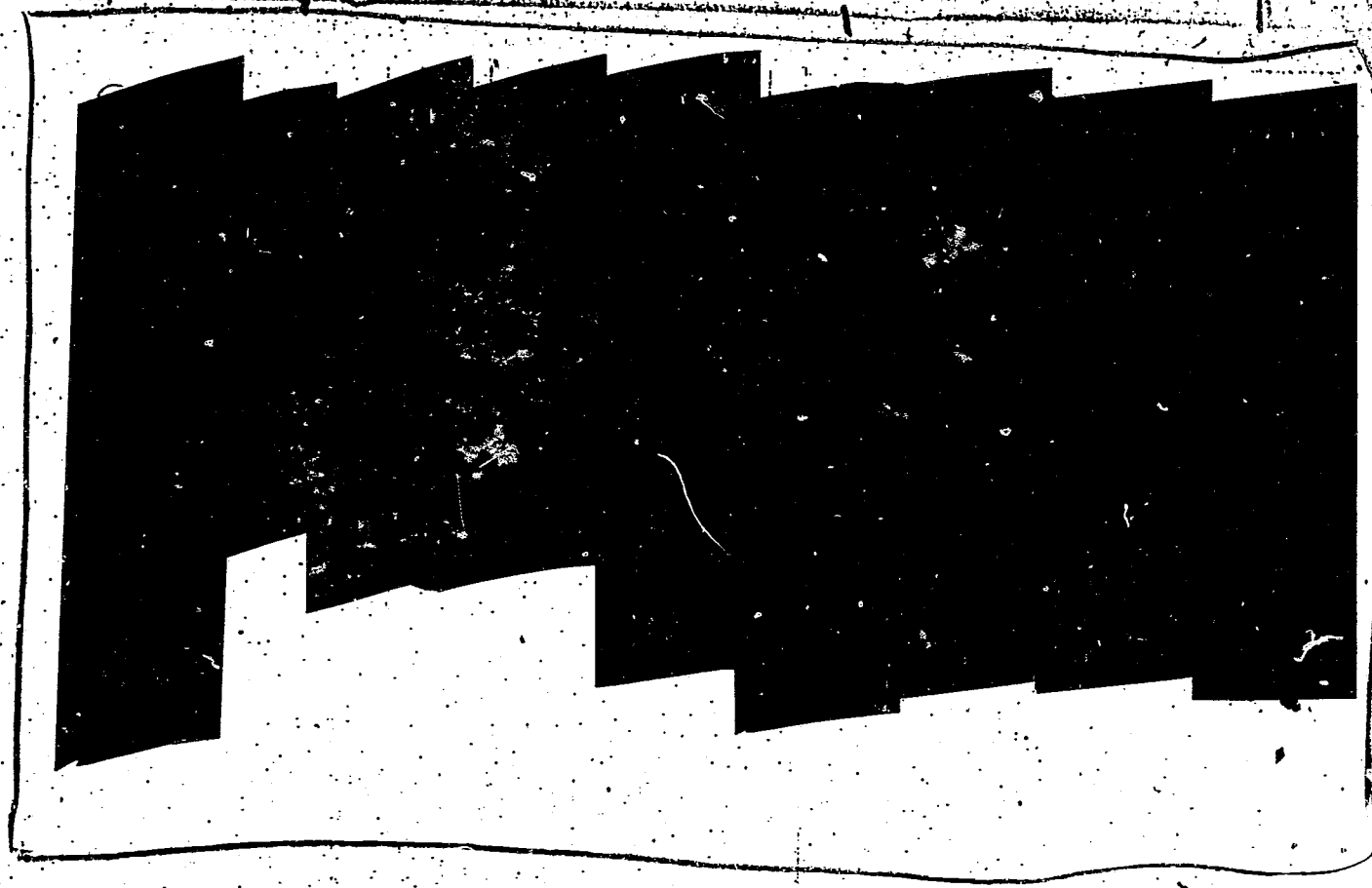

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